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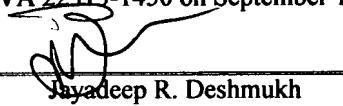
Applicants: Nguyen et al.

Application No.: 10/553,342

For: ALUMINIUM-WETTABLE CARBON-BASED BODY

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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered:

**In the claims:**

1. (amended) A carbon body produced by the method of claim 16 having an aluminium-wettable outer part that is made of a carbon-rich mixture containing metal-based particles and carbon, the metal-based particles being made of metal oxide particles and/or partly oxidised metal particles or a precursor thereof, the metal of the metal-based particles being selected from iron, copper, cobalt, nickel, zinc, [and] manganese and silicon and combinations thereof, the metal oxide particles and/or partly oxidised metal particles being reactable with molten aluminium when exposed thereto to form a mixture of: aluminium oxide; the metal of said metal-based particles; and aluminium, wherein said carbon-rich mixture is made of an impregnation of the metal-based particles in the outer part of the carbon body.